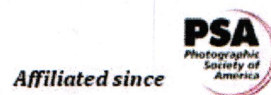




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter December 2022

President's Message

Wishing everyone good will, creativity, and health in this holiday season. Looking forward to gathering and sharing at the annual potluck.

Cheryl

**No Program Meetings in December or January.
No Competition in December, but we will have one in January.
Next Program Meeting will take place in February 2023.**

Meanwhile, we will have our annual Christmas Potluck at the Decker's on December 17.
We will hold our annual Awards Banquet on January 14, 2023.

We elected a new slate of club officers for 2023.

President: Jeanne Sparks

Vice President: Cheryl Decker

Secretary: Frank Tromp

Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At-Large Board members: Flavio Parigi, Jim McKinniss, Harold Litwiler, Tony Martindale, Nyla James, Penni Powell

Thank you for your service, out-going board members Bob Ginn & Elaine Calvert.

Have a safe and warm holiday season!

Alan



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SMCC HOLIDAY PARTY AND POTLUCK

December 17th 4:30-7:30pm

Hosted by Cheryl and Larry Decker

5925 Olivera Canyon Road (off Foxen Canyon.)

407.421.2512 (Cheryl)

Suggested attire is "Holiday Spiffy"

***** Your immediate family or friends that are interested in photography and joining the club are welcome!***

Please R.S.V.P by 12/15 to

**Penni Powell at Penpowell2020@gmail.com or
phone 805.363.1931 to sign up for a potluck dish**

**As the Decker home is a bit remote, we can meet up in Sisquoc at 4:15pm and caravan there.
You will get an email with directions, too.**

Bring a thumb drive with photos to share at Show and Tell after dinner!

November competition result

Judge: Mark Velasquez

Monochrome print

1ST PLACE	Amanda # 10	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Oceano dunes	Greg Doudna
3RD PLACE	After the gold rush	Ed E. Powell

Color print

1ST PLACE	Demise of the Estero	Greg Doudna
2ND PLACE	St' Lawrence church	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	Cathedral Croatian	Cheryl Decker
HONORABLE MENTION	Goblets in the sun	Ed E. Powell

Congratulation to everyone



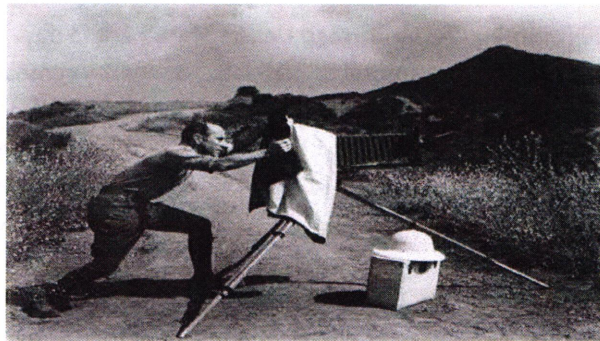


SMCC Field Trips for December 2022 and Beyond by Penni Powell

Please note: Rain or severe weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines.

Dec. 7th (Wed 2:50pm-dark) - Oceano Dunes Classic Photo Shoot

Meet at the Pacific Dunes Ranch RV Resort (1205 Silver Spur Place, Oceano 93445), parking in the dirt lot as you enter to keep a low profile. We will walk up through the RV park to enter the dunes. Of course, the dunes are loose sand, and walking can be a challenge. Especially if there is any wind blowing, you will want to practice good camera/lens hygiene to keep sand out of your equipment. Dress for the weather and bring a tripod if you wish, and a light. This day is picked for the field trip so we can photograph the moonrise over the dunes. **Sunset is at 4:50pm and the moon will be clearing the coastal hills soon thereafter.** We will need to be behind the first set of dunes for the best effect... **BRING A LIGHT TO GET BACK TO THE PARKING AREA!** Afterwards we can have a bite to eat at Old Juan's Cantina at Hwy 1 and Pier Avenue and raise a glass to Edward Weston.



WHY GO? In the words of Edward Weston,

" This then: to photograph a rock, have it look like a rock, but be more than a rock."

And Beyond...

January - TBA

Feb 21-26, 2022 - Multiday trip to the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego State Park

Feb 21-23 at Glamis North Spa (Niland) \$50 per person for 2 nights in vacation home, Feb 23-26 at Borrego Springs motel/B&B or camp (Palm Cyan State CG) for 3 nights. Email Penni for info penpowell2020@gmail.com

March - Channel Islands National Park?

April - Mountain Man Rendezvous by Caliente, CA?

SMCC FIELD TRIP TO THE SALTON SEA AND ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK February 20-26, 2023

Join us for an exploration of desert weirdness, flora and fauna, and landscapes big and small at the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We will photograph desert gardens, beautiful wildflowers (hopefully!), slot canyons and rugged landscapes at Anza-Borrego. At the Salton Sea, migrating birds might be in attendance, and for sure there will be the desert "Artscape's" to photograph there.

****Feb 20 – Early Bird Departure Option, overnight at Joshua Tree Instead** of driving for 6 hours+ in one day, drive 300 miles to Joshua Tree and have an evening and morning there before scooting to the Sea.

Feb 21 (afternoon) – 23 (morning) Around the Salton Sea (2 days)

Lodging at Candice's Vacation Home Rentals at Glamis North Hot Springs Resort (10595 Hot Mineral Spa Road, Niland, CA 92257). Meet up about 3pm there and get settled. Share 2–3-bedroom vacation home(s) (\$50 per person for both nights) and RV parking (free).

- Shoreline birding
- Bombay Beach
- Salvation Mountain
- East Jesus and Slab City

Feb 23 (afternoon) – 26 (morning) Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (3 days)

Lodging at Borrego Springs, CA (motel or B&B, etc.) or nearby camping at Borrego Palm Canyon in the state park.

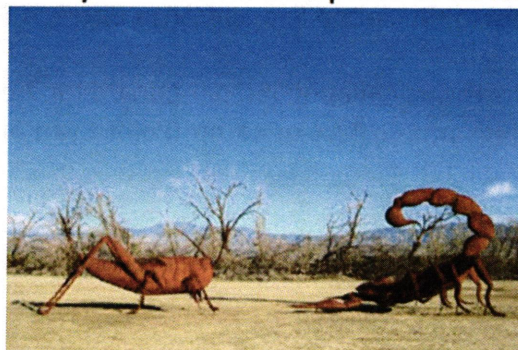
- Palm Canyon hike (3-mile RT) – Desert Bighorn Sheep
- Desert wildflowers
- Slot Canyons
- Badland vistas – Font's Point (4WD)
- Borrego Sky Sculptures
- Swanson's Hawk migration

Food – While at the Salton Sea, the vacation home has kitchen facilities for dinner and breakfast. We will have a few options for lunch when active there. Borrego Springs has restaurants to choose from and we will likely have picnic lunches out in the field.

Planning - The group will have a trip organization meeting to coordinate meals and activities for each day. Lodging options can be discussed via emails/texts when you are thinking of coming. We have both RV and motel/B&B people on the trip already.

Trip coordinator is Penni Powell penpowell2020@gmail.com

Let me know of your interest in the trip ASAP so we can plan with you in mind!



USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	There will be no meeting on December 2022
Location	During the year 2023 there will be a meeting in person at Merrill Garden 1 st Wednesday of every month and a second meeting will be held via WebEx on 3 rd Wednesday of every month If you want to participate, <i>please send an email to</i> santamariacameraclub@gmail.com
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2022 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Bob Ginn
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2023 Competition Rules	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
Categories will be:	Digital Color, Digital Monochrome, Large Color print, Large Monochrome print, Small print
Immediate Past president	Jeanne Sparks
2023 Special Subjects	March – Minimalism June – In the street of the city September – Animals
Submit your images for digital competition to:	All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address santamariacameraclub@gmail.com All the digital images MUST be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
Galleon Director	Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Tony Martindale
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Joyce Bolivar
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone !!
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

- "Landscape photography is the supreme test of the photographer and often the supreme disappointment"
— Ansell Adams